

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD
FOR IRELAND,

BEING

THE NINTH REPORT UNDER "THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD
(IRELAND) ACT," 35 & 36 VIC., c. 69.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.



DUBLIN:
PRINTED BY ALEX. THOM & CO., 87, 88, & 89, ABBEY-STREET,
THE QUEEN'S PRINTING OFFICE.
FOR HER MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE.

1881.

[C.—2926.] *Price 2½d.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD FOR IRELAND,

BEING

THE NINTH REPORT UNDER "THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
BOARD (IRELAND) ACT," 35 & 36 VIC., CAP. 69.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY FRANCIS THOMAS DE GREY, EARL
COWPER, K.G., &c., &c., &c.

Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland.

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 16th April, 1881.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE, the Local Government Board for Ireland, submit to your Excellency this our Ninth Annual Report under the statute 35 & 36 Vic., cap. 69, entitled "The Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872."

1. We submit, in the first place, in continuation of similar returns in previous Annual Reports, a summary of weekly returns of persons relieved, in the workhouse and out of the workhouse, for fifty-two weeks from the week ended 14th February, 1880, to the week ended 5th February, 1881, both inclusive; and we give, in illustration of these and previous returns, the two indoor and outdoor diagrams,* so as to afford a comparison of the fluctuations which have occurred in each year for the last seven years.

* See diagrams in Appendix.

SUMMARY of Weekly Returns of Persons relieved in Unions in Ireland, from the week

Week ended Thursday,	Return for the Week ending													
	Able-bodied.			Healthy Children under 15 years of age.	Sick in Workhouse Hospitals.			All other Classes.			Total Number in Workhouse.	Average Weekly Cost per head for Maintenance (exclusive of clothing).	Deaths.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Fever Patients.	Other Cases.	Total.	Males aged 15 and upwards.	Females aged 15 and upwards.	Total.			No. in the Week.	Weekly rate of Mortality per 1,000.
1880.														
Feb. 14,	3,463	5,109	8,572	13,416	1,079	23,517	24,596	7,594	7,789	15,383	59,782	2 54	300	80
21,	3,545	5,552	9,097	13,557	1,078	23,721	24,799	7,626	7,812	15,438	60,341	2 54	300	80
28,	3,438	5,574	9,012	13,297	1,071	23,614	24,685	7,512	7,794	15,306	59,780	2 54	298	80
Mar. 6,	3,415	4,096	7,511	13,233	1,098	23,076	24,174	7,401	7,811	15,212	59,892	2 9	327	81
13,	3,331	4,106	7,437	13,127	1,130	23,342	24,472	7,333	7,793	15,126	59,174	2 94	326	80
20,	3,220	3,801	7,021	12,373	1,238	23,489	24,727	7,354	7,648	15,002	58,650	2 94	290	80
27,	3,222	3,723	6,945	12,354	1,224	23,063	24,287	7,224	7,835	15,059	57,853	2 94	313	81
April 3,	3,379	5,389	8,768	12,675	1,161	23,324	24,485	7,128	7,312	14,440	58,933	3 01	300	82
10,	3,378	5,396	8,774	12,774	1,245	23,323	24,568	7,122	7,455	14,577	59,100	2 102	284	81
17,	3,354	5,454	8,808	12,743	1,289	23,913	25,202	7,169	7,469	14,638	59,210	2 10	327	81
24,	3,363	5,338	8,701	12,683	1,245	23,143	24,388	7,339	7,502	14,841	57,402	2 10	304	81
May 1,	3,786	5,405	9,191	12,575	1,940	23,590	25,530	7,110	7,460	14,570	58,995	2 94	244	82
8,	3,751	5,358	9,109	12,510	1,903	23,624	25,527	6,980	7,062	14,042	59,581	2 94	275	82
15,	3,767	5,355	9,122	12,544	1,244	23,487	24,731	7,021	7,328	14,349	58,444	2 94	268	82
22,	3,639	5,160	8,799	12,393	1,224	23,334	24,558	7,017	7,241	14,258	57,966	2 9	293	82
29,	3,387	5,136	8,523	12,328	1,289	23,317	24,606	6,923	7,251	14,174	57,348	2 9	294	82
June 5,	3,500	5,081	8,581	12,321	1,381	23,077	24,458	6,873	7,235	14,107	57,558	2 82	247	82
12,	3,438	4,772	8,210	12,373	1,269	23,557	24,826	6,805	7,294	14,099	58,358	2 9	248	82
19,	3,457	5,008	8,465	12,484	1,204	23,767	25,001	6,768	7,179	13,947	58,377	2 82	229	82
26,	3,346	4,983	8,329	12,303	1,304	23,673	24,977	6,731	7,128	13,859	57,948	2 9	238	82
July 3,	3,348	4,981	8,329	12,361	1,270	23,639	24,909	6,688	7,072	13,760	58,548	2 81	223	82
10,	3,367	4,636	8,003	11,609	1,049	23,631	24,680	6,736	7,034	13,770	58,334	2 84	200	82
17,	3,310	4,672	7,982	11,610	1,082	23,390	24,472	6,634	7,112	13,746	57,803	2 84	210	82
24,	3,199	4,554	7,753	11,494	978	23,188	24,166	6,484	6,987	13,471	58,494	2 81	202	82
31,	3,391	4,559	7,950	11,419	942	23,178	24,120	6,363	6,894	13,257	58,638	2 81	181	82
Aug. 7,	3,232	4,517	7,749	11,393	930	23,074	24,004	6,302	6,872	13,174	58,281	2 9	193	82
14,	3,145	4,389	7,534	11,087	912	22,713	23,625	6,142	6,721	12,863	58,007	2 9	180	82
21,	3,002	4,318	7,320	10,830	884	22,768	23,652	6,040	6,558	12,598	58,191	2 9	202	82
28,	3,060	4,198	7,258	10,764	860	22,704	23,564	5,967	6,580	12,547	57,688	2 9	214	82
Sept. 4,	3,000	4,382	7,382	10,622	873	22,503	23,376	5,861	6,603	12,464	57,682	2 9	180	82
11,	3,263	4,076	7,339	10,572	819	22,396	23,215	5,874	6,613	12,487	57,615	2 94	174	82
18,	3,121	4,248	7,369	10,714	754	22,503	23,257	5,909	6,538	12,447	57,338	2 94	205	82
25,	3,132	4,262	7,394	10,733	747	22,548	23,295	5,967	6,503	12,470	57,148	2 9	204	82
Oct. 2,	3,102	4,288	7,390	10,536	746	22,426	23,172	5,865	6,730	12,595	57,092	2 94	181	82
9,	3,227	4,405	7,632	10,588	768	22,323	23,091	5,803	6,753	12,556	56,933	2 94	175	82
16,	3,232	4,473	7,705	10,404	764	22,748	23,512	6,009	6,784	12,793	56,809	2 94	221	82
23,	3,238	4,503	7,741	10,513	810	22,753	23,563	6,050	6,842	12,892	56,236	2 94	205	82
30,	3,405	4,517	7,922	11,033	814	22,614	23,428	6,214	6,828	13,042	56,296	2 94	241	82
Nov. 6,	3,405	4,801	8,206	11,276	820	22,360	23,180	6,204	6,690	12,894	56,389	2 94	225	82
13,	3,010	4,593	7,603	11,454	829	22,460	23,289	6,404	6,944	13,348	56,716	2 94	226	82
20,	3,091	4,133	7,224	11,246	830	22,389	23,219	6,379	7,133	13,512	56,581	2 94	199	82
27,	3,283	4,252	7,535	11,217	869	22,504	23,373	6,719	7,229	13,948	56,335	2 94	241	82
Dec. 4,	3,043	4,218	7,261	11,228	867	22,564	23,431	6,807	7,206	14,013	56,100	2 94	211	82
11,	3,037	4,259	7,296	11,312	859	22,563	23,422	6,763	7,264	14,027	56,161	2 94	200	82
18,	3,137	4,369	7,506	11,347	873	22,620	23,493	7,047	7,410	14,457	56,674	2 94	175	82
25,	3,309	4,373	7,682	11,344	812	22,548	23,360	7,096	7,405	14,501	56,593	2 94	229	82
1881.														
Jan. 1,	3,304	5,515	8,819	12,265	828	22,630	23,458	7,008	7,388	14,396	56,394	2 114	220	82
8,	3,383	5,517	8,900	12,237	845	22,547	23,392	7,104	7,409	14,513	56,361	2 94	261	82
15,	3,369	5,516	8,885	12,367	829	22,600	23,429	7,127	7,521	14,648	56,332	2 94	260	82
22,	3,364	5,161	8,525	12,673	827	22,773	23,600	7,364	7,672	15,036	56,203	2 94	436	82
29,	3,310	5,231	8,541	12,736	870	22,676	23,546	7,332	7,670	15,002	56,225	2 94	463	82
Feb. 5,	3,303	5,508	8,811	12,600	818	22,897	23,715	7,341	7,883	15,224	56,337	2 94	236	82

In-door and Out-door Relief.

5

ended 14th February, 1880, to the week ended 5th February, 1881, both inclusive.

No. of Persons included in the foregoing table, who were admitted to the Workhouse under the Act of 1834, and 1835, of 25 & 36 Vic. c. 33.						No. of Persons under commitment to the Workhouse connected with Workhouses, who have been sent there by the Guardians, and others, under the Act of 1834, c. 33, and 1835, c. 35.		No. of Blind and Deaf and Dumb persons admitted to the Workhouse under the Act of 1834, c. 33, and 1835, c. 35.		Out-door Relief.										Total Number of Persons in receipt of Relief.	
No. of Persons, under the Act of 1834, c. 33, and 1835, c. 35.						No. of Persons, under the Act of 1834, c. 33, and 1835, c. 35.		No. of Blind and Deaf and Dumb.		Relievable under section 1 of 36 Vic. c. 31.		Relievable under 16 Vic. Gen. R. but under section 1.		Relievable under Relief of Distress (Borough) Act.		Under 25 & 36 Vic. c. 33, and 36 & 37 Vic. c. 35.		Total Number of Persons in receipt of Relief.		Total Number of Persons in receipt of Relief.	
Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
27	455	460	3	9	12	33	14	280	286	33,381	43,853	430	1,080	-	-	1,226	1,947	3,080	48,516	166,095	
28	458	470	3	9	14	57	16	241	382	34,300	48,034	515	2,537	-	-	1,304	1,949	3,083	52,389	172,249	
29	458	467	4	9	13	51	17	243	383	35,169	50,607	1,604	5,093	1,233	6,170	1,944	1,931	3,094	63,792	194,333	
30	458	467	1	13	14	55	16	243	382	35,351	52,533	1,643	7,874	1,602	7,618	1,944	1,932	3,066	65,300	199,833	
31	458	466	2	4	10	57	15	244	374	35,250	53,742	2,228	7,397	1,859	9,256	1,944	1,930	3,066	73,673	213,691	
32	458	472	3	8	10	69	17	247	341	36,746	53,768	2,625	6,793	328	1,794	1,944	1,919	3,066	84,381	215,703	
33	458	472	1	7	8	55	15	246	342	36,688	53,311	1,970	3,223	1,819	9,148	1,944	1,931	3,116	87,900	221,602	
34	458	472	2	6	8	50	10	245	348	36,374	52,533	646	1,713	2,576	11,318	1,938	1,951	3,105	97,990	225,000	
35	458	472	4	4	10	57	12	245	344	36,339	52,530	652	1,840	2,567	11,328	1,951	1,948	3,105	97,991	225,000	
36	458	472	2	7	9	58	12	246	377	36,799	52,670	567	1,569	2,832	11,569	1,950	1,949	3,105	97,991	225,000	
37	458	472	1	32	33	62	12	245	348	36,336	52,518	643	1,710	300	1,382	1,938	1,948	3,105	98,016	225,000	
38	458	472	2	8	10	63	13	245	350	36,332	53,312	588	1,489	638	4,711	1,957	1,952	3,119	61,431	228,700	
39	458	472	-	8	8	63	12	245	361	36,332	53,312	514	1,683	1,175	5,918	1,958	1,951	3,119	61,432	228,700	
40	458	472	-	9	9	65	12	247	363	36,332	53,312	589	1,683	1,094	7,588	1,973	1,944	3,119	61,432	228,700	
41	458	472	1	8	9	72	19	247	364	36,332	53,312	541	1,158	1,708	8,699	1,973	1,944	3,119	61,432	228,700	
42	458	472	3	7	10	73	14	246	360	37,129	53,649	645	1,383	1,171	8,435	1,981	1,956	3,127	63,670	230,827	
43	458	472	3	8	11	70	13	248	368	37,313	53,559	648	1,174	2,669	9,600	1,981	1,987	3,136	64,840	231,815	
44	458	472	5	6	11	67	11	248	361	37,492	54,431	649	1,506	2,943	10,467	1,983	1,986	3,146	66,149	232,948	
45	458	472	4	6	10	71	19	247	360	37,464	54,399	637	1,803	2,703	12,420	1,982	1,989	3,145	67,023	234,662	
46	458	472	4	23	27	44	19	268	374	37,664	54,334	495	1,245	3,491	14,863	1,986	1,986	3,154	73,130	236,741	
47	458	472	7	4	11	74	9	244	369	37,732	54,904	483	1,264	3,169	13,704	1,983	1,971	3,153	71,965	234,824	
48	458	472	3	3	6	65	9	247	363	37,531	54,305	514	1,369	4,355	17,905	1,984	1,971	3,153	73,678	236,422	
49	458	472	8	4	12	10	245	342	34,927	56,140,000	388	1,836	6,629	27,234	1,984	1,979	3,177	81,731	238,231		
50	458	472	5	10	15	61	10	247	363	37,531	54,305	543	1,438	6,794	24,671	1,988	1,981	3,177	86,519	244,237	
51	458	472	7	3	10	64	10	247	378	37,670	54,863	511	1,368	3,669	22,659	1,994	1,979	3,177	89,700	248,033	
52	458	472	8	9	17	59	6	247	363	37,364	52,563	623	988	1,639	6,825	1,194	1,667	2,886	67,164	213,999	
53	458	472	9	6	14	63	7	243	371	38,009	52,251	342	794	1,121	4,987	1,109	1,609	2,716	68,149	216,948	
54	458	472	10	6	16	66	17	244	370	38,127	47,474	315	1,279	25	193	1,114	1,696	2,810	67,118	207,112	
55	458	472	6	7	13	63	6	247	362	34,724	46,368	344	969	-	-	1,100	1,998	3,094	66,341	216,699	
56	458	472	11	4	15	66	6	245	365	34,696	45,672	307	577	-	-	1,088	1,991	3,102	65,447	216,611	
57	458	472	10	10	20	67	4	252	369	34,334	45,114	289	569	-	-	1,067	1,983	3,119	67,861	216,149	
58	458	472	6	8	14	63	4	246	360	34,167	45,173	302	582	-	-	1,046	1,930	3,129	67,004	216,019	
59	458	472	5	5	10	74	4	243	377	33,721	44,124	288	661	-	-	1,029	1,991	3,200	66,968	216,937	
60	458	472	3	8	11	68	8	267	376	33,420	43,698	244	498	-	-	1,100	1,996	3,205	66,268	216,996	
61	458	472	3	5	8	60	8	244	367	33,618	42,749	237	479	-	-	1,106	1,998	3,201	66,468	217,066	
62	458	472	6	6	12	60	9	261	388	33,793	43,231	244	507	-	-	1,110	1,994	3,201	66,468	217,066	
63	458	472	3	7	10	64	9	247	382	33,811	43,594	253	547	-	-	1,112	1,994	3,206	66,467	217,067	
64	458	472	2	2	4	56	9	250	346	33,739	44,334	283	593	-	-	1,114	1,991	3,208	67,063	217,885	
65	458	472	1	8	9	60	8	246	382	34,156	44,814	295	606	-	-	1,113	1,994	3,207	67,277	217,970	
66	458	472	1	10	11	71	10	245	389	34,125	45,167	328	630	-	-	1,114	1,993	3,207	67,264	218,290	
67	458	472	1	11	12	62	15	246	391	34,260	45,709	317	612	-	-	1,118	1,993	3,210	68,231	218,860	
68	458	472	1	13	14	63	17	245	393	34,444	46,125	341	673	-	-	1,116	1,997	3,213	68,508	219,386	
69	458	472	2	14	16	64	18	245	361	35,333	47,364	356	718	-	-	1,116	1,997	3,218	50,300	103,191	
70	458	472	4	14	18	63	18	244	367	35,494	47,887	359	716	-	-	1,123	1,996	3,224	50,742	103,965	
71	458	472	3	15	18	62	18	245	367	35,539	48,662	366	716	-	-	1,126	1,991	3,227	52,077	107,412	
72	458	472	8	17	25	48	16	246	378	36,384	50,633	369	712	-	-	1,122	1,991	3,234	52,384	108,266	
73	458	472	7	18	25	54	20	250	363	36,507	50,677	382	728	-	-	1,122	1,991	3,228	53,238	109,618	
74	458	472	6	18	24	53	22	253	351	35,773	51,480	372	743	293	1,411	1,993	3,194	53,910	112,674		
75	458	472	6	12	18	51	20	249	351	35,800	52,793	442	926	207	1,345	1,993	3,194	54,000	112,674		
76	458	472	3	16	19	56	28	294	368	36,833	56,539	1,222	3,799	1,814	8,727	1,993	1,918	3,213	63,639	127,374	
77	458	472	3	18	21	51	16	248	379	37,130	53,405	1,860	5,771	8,619	37,484	1,998	1,918	3,216	50,106	120,933	
78	458	472	3	17	20	49	16	250	388	36,418	53,475	1,366	4,533	6,068	25,856	1,996	1,917	3,243	53,167	132,314	

2. The following tables represent, in figures, the maximum, minimum, and average daily numbers shown in each diagram for the whole series of seven years :—

RELIEF IN WORKHOUSE.

—	Maximum Numbers.	Date.	Minimum Numbers.	Date.	Average Daily Number.
1874-75, .	52,110	28 February, 1874	42,593	29 August, 1874	47,112
1875-76, .	51,599	27 February, 1875	39,906	28 August, 1875	44,800
1876-77, .	45,439	11 March, 1876	30,789	26 August, 1876	43,235
1877-78, .	51,739	2 February, 1878	40,179	1 September, 1877	44,676
1878-79, .	54,218	8 February, 1879	42,960	24 August, 1878	47,994
1879-80, .	59,691	31 January, 1880	47,421	23 August, 1879	51,946
1880-81, .	60,341	24 February, 1880	47,402	4 September, 1880	53,796

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

—	Maximum Numbers.	Date.	Minimum Numbers.	Date.	Average Daily Number.
1874-75, .	32,935	21 March, 1874	26,739	10 October, 1874	30,319
1875-76, .	33,151	29 March, 1875	26,957	18 September, 1875	30,246
1876-77, .	33,976	25 March, 1876	29,076	7 October, 1876	31,600
1877-78, .	37,103	9 February, 1878	30,963	6 October, 1877	33,517
1878-79, .	41,900	8 February, 1879	32,951	14 September, 1878	36,274
1879-80, .	47,418	7 February, 1880	35,502	11 October, 1879	39,029
1880-81, .	93,167	5 February, 1881	46,308	2 October, 1880	60,313

3. In our Annual Reports, dated 1876 and 1877, respectively we noticed a decrease in the average daily number of Workhouse Inmates for two years in succession.

In our Report for 1878, we were called on to report a change in the other direction; the average daily number of inmates being 1,441 more than in the preceding year, attributable, as we then observed, to the indifferent harvest of 1877, and to the inclemency and wetness of the subsequent season. In our Report for 1879, the average daily number of inmates showed an increase of 3,318 over that of the preceding year. In our Report for 1880 there was an increase of 3,952 in the average daily number of inmates over the preceding year, while in this Report the average daily number of inmates shows an increase of 1850 over last year.

The Out-door Relief average for the year 1880 was 3,355 over the preceding year, and the average for the present year is 21,254 over that of last year.

4. We described very fully in our last annual Report, dated the 17th of April, 1880, the measures that had been adopted to meet the exceptional distress which prevailed throughout the greater part of Ireland during the preceding winter, and we propose now to allude briefly to the action taken since April, 1880, in carrying out the arrangements which were then in operation, referring in the first instance to the period between April and August, when all relief under the Relief of Distress Act ceased for a time, and afterwards to the winter months of 1880, when

some further measures to meet poverty and want of employment again became necessary.

The gradual diminution in the grants obtained from charitable sources between the date of our last Report, and the month of August caused a greater strain on the resources of the Poor Law Unions than had been experienced during the winter months, and notwithstanding the employment provided by the expenditure of the sum of £398,827 which was issued by the Board of Works to landowners and sanitary authorities from April 17th to August 31st in respect of loans obtained on the terms mentioned in their notices of November 22nd, 1879, and January 12th, 1880, and notwithstanding the fact that £134,953 was advanced during the same period for baronial works passed at extraordinary presentment sessions, the applications to Boards of Guardians for relief were very numerous until the harvest work set in, and we found it necessary to authorize Boards of Guardians to put the provisions of the 3rd section of the Relief of Distress Act in force in twenty Unions, in addition to the twenty-eight named in our report of the 17th April, so that between the months of April and September these orders were in force from time to time in forty-eight Unions; we include in the Appendix to this Report a table containing a list of the Unions referred to, and the time for which each order was issued.

5. The distress which prevailed at that time was accompanied by an outbreak of fever in some of the Unions in the West and South of Ireland; it was at first alleged that this fever was of the same type as the fever which proved so fatal in the years 1847 and 1848, and which was commonly called "famine fever," but this was not found to be the case, the fever being described by our Medical Inspectors as typhus, typhoid, and of a mild continuous character, but not the relapsing fever from which the poor suffered in the years above referred to.

Having made very careful inquiry as to the origin and spread of the disease we ascertained that the exciting or immediate causes were, in most instances, contagion, and that where it had an independent origin it was generally attributable to overcrowding and want of cleanliness in the dwellings and surroundings of the poor.

Our attention was also drawn by our Inspectors to the fact that in districts where the fever was prevalent one of the predisposing or exciting causes had been the monotony of the diet; the staple article of food appeared to be Indian meal made into stirabout always cooked in the same way, while few were able to get flour, bread or potatoes; the power of resisting contagion was said to have been lowered by this circumstance, and as the germs were carried from house to house the disease was easily propagated. We, therefore, addressed a circular to the Boards of Guardians recommending them, when out-door relief was given, to vary the food as much as possible, substituting oatmeal for Indian meal on some days of the week, bread on other days, and to make such other change in the daily food as it might be in their power to effect, and we are glad to be able

to say that this suggestion was acted on in several Unions with good effect.

The Union of Swineford in the county Mayo was one in which the spread of fever appeared to be much more serious than in others, and we deemed it necessary to issue an order under the 149th section of the Public Health Act, making regulations for the speedy interment of the dead, for house-to-house visitation, for the provision of medical aid and hospital accommodation, and for the promotion of cleansing, ventilation, and disinfection, and for guarding against the spread of disease. A copy of the order which remained in force from the 14th of July, to the latter end of August will be found in the Appendix. These regulations were carried out under the supervision of the Vice-Guardians and Inspector of the Swineford Union, with the assistance of Dr. Nixon, a Medical Inspector employed specially for the purpose, and the fever abated towards the end of August, when no further special arrangements appeared to be necessary.

Having obtained authority from the Treasury to appoint temporarily two Medical Inspectors, we selected Dr. Woodhouse and Dr. Nixon, who rendered us valuable assistance; these gentlemen visited, in addition to Swineford Union, Dromore West and Toberecurry Unions in the county Sligo, Castlereagh Union in the county Roscommon, Loughrea Union in the county Galway, and Newcastle Union in the county Limerick, where fever prevailed though not to so great an extent as in Swineford, and we publish in the Appendix some of their reports which give much interesting information on the subject.

6. The funds at the disposal of the Guardians derived from the poor rates were in some cases quite inadequate to meet the unusual expenditure occasioned by the exceptional relief afforded last year, and we therefore sanctioned loans under the provisions of section 5 of the Relief of Distress Act, and section 6 of the Relief of Distress Amendment Act, in the cases of 17 Unions, amounting to a sum of £31,996. A return containing the names of the Unions so assisted and the amount advanced in each case will be found in the Appendix.

We also append a return of the Unions in which grants were made under section 2 of the Relief of Distress Amendment Act to aid the Guardians in giving out-door relief, by which it will be seen that the money granted for that purpose amounted to a sum of £1,343 16s. 4d.*

7. The duties of the Boards of Guardians during the months referred to were very onerous and responsible, and, although in many Unions the Guardians acted with much firmness and discretion, there were others in which they did not prove themselves equal to the emergency, and were unable to administer relief in a judicious and discriminating manner, or to manage the financial affairs of their Union satisfactorily. In the cases of three Unions, viz. :—Belmullet, Swineford, and Newport, all situated in the county Mayo, we deemed it right to exercise the powers vested in

* A further grant of £60 was made while this Report has been going through the press.

us by the 18th section of the Irish Poor Relief Extension Act and to dissolve the Boards of Guardians and appoint paid officers to carry into execution the provisions of the Poor Law Acts; the letters assigning our reasons for this step in each case are included in the Appendix.

8. We alluded in April last to the operation of the Seed Supply Act in Ireland, and to the advances made under that Act up to the date of our Report. We are now able to supply a complete return of the sums expended in the different Unions, or parts of Unions scheduled; and we append a statement showing that Boards of Guardians were enabled to borrow money for the purpose of selling seed to the occupiers and cultivators of land in the whole of 131 Unions and in parts of 22 other Unions, and that the sum of £598,795 was advanced for that purpose.

Under the provisions of the 4th section of the Seed Supply Act the sum of £299,397 (being one-half of the loan), should have been collected and paid back to the Commissioners of Public Works this year, but we were empowered by the 11th section of the Relief of Distress Amendment Act to authorize the Guardians to postpone the making of the special rate for the payment of the seed loan in any Union or Electoral Division thereof for one year, if satisfied that it was expedient or necessary to do so. We, accordingly, after careful consideration of the circumstances of each case in which application for a postponement was made, authorized such postponement of the seed rate in the whole of 40 Unions, and in parts of 28 others; the payments so postponed amounted to a sum of £150,210, and the amount to be collected and repaid to the Commissioners of Public Works this year has thus been reduced to £149,187.

A list of the Unions exempted this year from the payment of the first instalment of the seed debt will also be found in the Appendix.

9. We now come to the second period to which we alluded in paragraph 4, viz., to the winter and spring of 1880-1.

The harvest of the year 1880 proved to be, in general, far above the average, and the best that had been known in Ireland for many years. The potatoes grown from old seed had in some places failed, but the Champions were usually very good; a plentiful supply of turf was saved, and, altogether, the general condition and prospects of the poor were good, and very much more favourable than had been the case at the same period of the year 1879.

In the month of October we called upon our Inspectors to furnish us with reports on the harvest and the state of the poor in their districts, and we include them in the Appendix, as well as further reports on the same subject obtained in January, 1881.

10. But, notwithstanding the improved circumstances of the poor by reason of the abundant supply of food and fuel in the country, we regret to say that early in the winter we found that there was much want of employment in some parts of Ireland, and that this want extended to counties in which distress had not previously been so severely felt as in others.

This scarcity of employment was partly attributable to the unwillingness or inability of landowners to employ their labourers in consequence of the land agitation and the non-payment of rents, and in some measure to the fact that some farmers were not free from the debts incurred by them before the harvest, and others were disposed to spend as little money as possible in labour during disturbed and unsettled times; we, therefore, received very urgent representations from Boards of Guardians as to the distressed condition of the labourers thrown out of employment, and the necessity for adopting measures to relieve them.

11. This state of things having received very anxious consideration it was determined by the Government, with the sanction of the Treasury, to expend a portion of the balance of the sum provided by the Relief of Distress Act in baronial works to be presented for at Extraordinary Presentment Sessions, and your Excellency accordingly directed such sessions to be convened in forty-five baronies, and works passed thereat estimated to cost £51,782 were sanctioned. A list of these baronies is given in the Appendix. Some other works which had been passed at the Extraordinary Presentment Sessions held last summer but which had been suspended, or left over for further consideration, were also authorized and re-opened this winter at a cost of about £17,654, and by these means, as well as by the expenditure of the balances of the loans to landowners, much employment has been provided for the labouring classes in localities where it was urgently required.

The spring agricultural operations are now going on, and as the want of employment is, consequently, not so much felt, and it is desirable that the agricultural work should not be interfered with by the baronial works, the latter have been temporarily suspended in most of the Unions in Ireland; but our Inspectors have been instructed, if they find that the poor suffer from the suspension or postponement of any work which has been stopped or delayed in pursuance of the arrangement mentioned, to report to us specially on the subject in order that the question of proceeding at once with such work may be taken into consideration.

12. During the very severe weather which prevailed in the early part of this year the labouring classes suffered much privation, and we found it necessary to take advantage of the powers remaining with us under the 3rd section of the Relief of Distress Act, and to authorize out-door relief to the able-bodied classes in 75 Unions which are named in the Appendix; but the need for such exceptional relief no longer exists throughout the country, and there are now only two Unions in which orders under the Relief of Distress Act are in force, and one Union in which an order under the 2nd section of the Irish Poor Relief Extension Act has been issued in consequence of want of room in the workhouse. The orders under the Relief of Distress Act will expire during the present month, and as we have no longer power to make such orders, we

may, in future, only authorize out-door relief to the able-bodied classes under section 2 of the Irish Poor Relief Extension Act, that is when the workhouse is full, or when, by reason of fever or infectious disease it is unfit for the reception of poor persons; the administration of relief in Ireland under the Irish Poor Relief Acts has, therefore, now reverted to its normal state.

13. In our Annual Report presented to the late Lord Lieutenant in April last, we alluded to the fact that, while there had been much suffering from want during the previous winter, privation had not reached starvation in any Union. We are now glad to be able to inform your Excellency that the relief measures adopted and carried on since the date of the Report referred to have been as effectual as before in dealing with the destitution which has existed in the country, and in meeting the exceptional distress which prevailed in the months of June and July, last year, and in the commencement of the present year.

14. We now continue the series of recent statistics by repeating with one additional year the table showing the number of persons assisted by Boards of Guardians to emigrate, and the cost incurred for that purpose in each year, that is to say, for now thirty-one years past, ended on the 25th of March. The highest figure in this series was 4,386 in 1852; whereas we find in the year 1878 only 148 persons assisted to emigrate. But in the year ended 25th March, 1879, there has been an increase of 96 in the numbers, and of £212 16s. 8d. in the expenditure over the previous year; in the year ended 25th March, 1880, there has been an additional increase of 48 in the numbers, and of £170 3s. 10d. in the expenditure over the previous year; and in the year ended 25th March, 1881, there has been an increase of 1,022 in the numbers, and of £2,761 10s. 11d., in the expenditure over the previous year.

EMIGRATION under the Act 12 & 13 Vic., c. 104, sec. 26, dated 1st August, 1849.

PERIOD.	Amount authorised to be expended by Scaled Certificates.			Number of Persons assisted to Emigrate.			
				Men.	Women.	Children under 15 years of age.	Total.
Aug., 1849, to 25 Mar., 1851,	£	s.	d.				
Year ended 25 March, 1852,	11,181	14	11	561	1,244	787	2,592
" " 1853,	21,610	5	4½	790	2,644	952	4,386
" " 1854,	14,517	0	11½	492	2,218	1,115	3,825
" " 1855,	12,446	17	6	403	1,302	996	2,601
" " 1856,	24,368	5	2½	150	2,847	793	3,794
" " 1857,	3,618	6	9	64	363	463	890
" " 1858,	2,719	15	1	76	383	263	692
" " 1859,	4,177	10	1½	58	469	302	829
" " 1860,	2,555	16	6	37	270	100	407
" " 1861,	1,729	19	2	45	178	141	364
" " 1862,	1,465	19	11	44	178	125	347
" " 1863,	528	17	4	12	72	53	137
" " 1864,	2,439	10	3	41	317	130	488
" " 1865,	4,770	4	5	123	501	345	969
" " 1866,	2,518	17	11	93	315	428	846
" " 1867,	3,425	9	11	100	360	660	1,120
" " 1868,	2,028	16	0	66	230	459	755
" " 1869,	1,963	9	6	71	263	485	819
" " 1870,	1,836	13	9	71	265	423	719
" " 1871,	1,939	12	5	49	219	449	717
" " 1872,	2,268	9	11	53	226	422	701
" " 1873,	2,092	3	10	34	223	339	596
" " 1874,	1,564	14	8	44	172	364	581
" " 1875,	2,246	3	3	67	323	474	864
" " 1876,	1,247	15	1	36	192	380	608
" " 1877,	891	0	6	38	97	283	358
" " 1878,	556	17	4	13	71	116	260
" " 1879,	338	4	7	15	49	81	145
" " 1880,	551	1	3	33	83	129	245
" " 1881,	721	5	1	55	93	146	294
" " 1882,	3,402	16	0	210	558	546	1,314
Total.	£	137,310	8 6	3,932	16,362	12,627	33,921

15. The following is a tabulated account of admission to the workhouse during the last year, ending 29th September, in comparison with those of the twenty-one preceding years:—

Year ended 29th September.	Number of Paupers in Workhouse at the commencement of the Year.	Number of Persons admitted during the Year.					Number of Deaths in the Workhouse during the Year.	Total number of Persons admitted in the Workhouse during the Year.	Number of Deaths in the Workhouse during the Year.	
		Number admitted in Sickness.				Number admitted who were not Sick.				
		Suffering from Fever or other contagious Disease.	Suffering under other Diseases.	Suffering from accidental Injury.	Total number admitted in Sickness.					
1850,	31,828	9,558	31,609	2,107	44,268	76,264	114,294	2,976	183,786	8,622
1851,	33,296	9,197	36,456	2,625	47,588	80,212	122,900	2,668	179,560	9,577
1852,	36,294	9,268	38,378	2,217	49,863	114,420	164,490	2,493	203,422	10,579
1853,	41,295	11,183	41,355	2,226	53,364	162,431	223,697	2,815	267,807	12,710
1854,	45,181	14,469	44,597	2,421	61,887	179,370	240,127	2,877	288,285	13,796
1855,	48,037	15,757	45,627	2,290	63,664	181,107	252,321	2,889	261,147	12,765
1856,	45,033	18,418	41,498	2,283	62,399	138,025	204,384	2,751	202,170	12,568
1857,	41,887	13,653	38,337	2,845	55,442	120,144	184,587	2,609	222,194	11,841
1858,	44,278	11,703	43,178	2,433	57,312	155,820	211,207	2,654	258,130	13,342
1859,	45,523	11,200	41,834	2,564	55,698	185,236	248,818	2,397	288,935	13,370
1860,	47,778	9,976	41,602	2,441	54,019	181,358	245,777	2,419	288,562	13,367
1861,	48,812	8,185	39,695	2,510	49,740	183,386	248,105	2,382	286,429	10,927
1862,	42,375	8,738	38,232	2,610	49,540	181,492	241,602	2,160	258,536	10,480
1863,	40,021	10,263	32,326	2,340	35,009	137,219	184,748	1,935	232,250	11,515
1864,	40,634	8,238	33,747	2,429	34,694	152,028	206,465	1,382	240,298	12,384
1865,	41,446	8,409	30,363	2,573	39,405	159,509	209,905	1,364	203,126	10,735
1866,	42,886	8,610	37,964	2,888	47,567	121,182	169,149	1,730	215,794	11,479
1867,	43,593	6,876	36,579	2,885	45,331	95,076	140,601	1,643	182,749	10,603
1868,	33,778	5,340	29,659	2,620	49,129	168,285	187,315	1,738	198,831	10,728
1869,	40,711	8,110	43,156	2,781	54,061	151,634	218,668	1,726	248,167	11,628
1870,	43,863	8,285	47,302	2,766	59,593	188,765	268,288	1,228	304,069	13,127
1871,	46,156	9,455	40,717	2,820	62,009	254,629	317,238	1,260	367,858	13,476

It will be observed from the above that an increase of 4,026 has taken place in the total number admitted in sickness during the year; an increase of 54,924 in the number admitted who were not sick; an increase of 768 in the number suffering from fever and other dangerous contagious diseases, and an increase of 63,284 in the total number relieved.

16. The following is a statement of the result of the Weekly Summaries of In-door Relief, showing the average daily number of recipients of relief for each of the twenty-nine years ended 29th September, 1880:—

Average Daily Number in receipt of Relief during the year, Average Number of Deaths per Week, and Rate of Mortality.

Year ended Sept.	Estimated Population.	Able-bodied.			Healthy Children under 16.	Sick in Workhouse Hospitals.			All other Classes.			Total No. in Workhouse.	Deaths in Work.		Rate of Mortality per 1,000 Inmates.
		Males.	Females.	Total.		Fever.	Other Cases.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.		Average Number Weekly.	Average weekly Deaths (per 1,000 Inmates).	
1852.	6,495,991	14,918	27,228	32,231	75,961	3,918	22,588	26,506	4,488	7,615	12,103	166,891	451	2.7	2.69
1853.	6,596,398	10,563	20,951	31,514	57,754	3,695	20,410	24,105	3,954	6,887	10,791	125,991	382	3.0	2.68
1854.	6,186,269	7,114	18,225	25,339	37,894	2,167	18,899	21,066	3,182	5,649	8,831	98,190	304	3.2	1.94
1855.	6,197,898	5,048	14,096	19,144	38,843	3,063	18,214	21,277	5,853	5,094	7,957	75,211	283	3.5	1.98
1856.	6,607,233	3,775	10,588	14,363	28,269	1,618	16,479	17,997	3,690	4,645	7,105	62,335	505	3.2	1.94
1857.	6,641,429	2,407	7,765	10,172	17,395	1,354	15,176	16,440	3,234	4,137	6,361	50,665	378	3.5	0.94
1858.	6,612,103	2,515	7,731	9,432	14,266	1,108	14,439	15,547	3,129	4,015	6,144	45,790	180	3.9	0.78
1859.	6,606,113	1,862	6,899	7,361	11,311	974	13,402	14,776	5,241	4,088	6,339	40,280	154	3.8	0.67
1860.	6,988,920	1,607	6,000	7,607	11,216	894	13,604	14,598	3,775	4,755	7,530	41,271	184	4.5	0.69
1861.	6,798,564	2,934	6,823	9,757	12,307	1,603	14,545	16,377	3,139	5,291	8,360	45,159	309	4.5	0.78
1862.	6,794,674	2,039	6,340	11,349	14,917	1,363	16,138	17,501	3,856	6,051	10,007	52,628	244	4.5	0.83
1863.	6,782,271	3,432	6,589	11,025	16,358	1,875	16,901	18,476	4,648	6,661	11,350	57,319	257	4.4	1.01
1864.	6,711,516	2,449	7,870	10,319	16,178	1,654	16,746	18,400	4,706	6,739	11,428	56,335	246	4.3	0.92
1865.	6,675,008	2,546	6,657	9,197	18,289	1,824	16,282	18,206	4,839	6,846	11,215	55,717	237	4.3	0.96
1866.	6,582,625	2,319	6,872	9,092	14,228	1,357	15,672	17,029	4,411	6,477	10,888	50,280	221	4.4	0.90
1867.	6,552,196	2,301	6,153	8,454	13,496	1,237	15,556	16,741	4,819	6,954	11,773	52,184	259	4.6	0.84
1868.	6,563,285	2,400	6,133	8,533	16,484	1,105	15,593	16,699	5,334	7,064	12,428	53,636	221	4.1	0.97
1869.	6,636,217	2,172	5,892	8,064	18,244	1,036	15,569	16,588	5,382	6,900	12,351	50,547	214	4.1	0.94
1870.	6,516,424	5,537	5,370	7,307	13,637	946	13,344	15,290	5,354	6,698	11,902	49,189	308	4.1	0.89
1871.	6,462,789	1,839	4,591	6,442	12,089	923	13,965	15,344	5,061	4,428	11,489	46,005	193	4.2	0.93
1872.	6,368,166	1,769	4,698	6,397	11,469	1,039	15,107	16,146	5,160	6,696	11,746	45,753	229	5.0	0.83
1873.	6,244,181	1,811	4,277	6,036	11,681	930	15,448	16,378	5,290	6,734	11,994	46,711	257	5.1	0.87
1874.	6,214,844	1,775	4,790	6,573	11,673	893	16,510	16,908	5,654	6,777	12,331	46,981	207	4.4	0.85
1875.	6,307,494	1,773	4,503	6,276	11,187	801	15,721	16,522	5,584	6,834	12,058	45,946	221	4.8	0.67
1876.	6,721,616	1,379	4,130	5,809	10,134	607	15,692	16,328	5,379	6,097	11,376	43,652	294	4.7	0.62
1877.	6,548,006	1,269	3,995	5,744	9,899	700	16,600	16,606	5,289	6,146	11,385	43,594	297	4.7	0.62
1878.	6,351,060	1,642	4,448	6,432	10,560	558	14,878	17,708	6,790	6,519	12,248	47,228	227	4.8	0.84
1879.	6,482,327	2,609	4,786	7,125	11,125	812	17,718	18,610	6,328	6,811	13,046	49,556	254	5.1	0.93
1880.	6,327,160	2,815	5,165	7,980	12,240	1,007	18,806	19,943	6,843	7,250	14,023	54,246	239	4.8	1.02

17. We here continue from last Report a form of table exhibiting for the last thirty-one years—the whole period, in fact, subsequent to the famine—the per-centage in each successive year of the several classes of workhouse inmates as compared with the whole number—

CLASSIFIED RETURN of the Number of Inmates of Workhouses in Ireland, on the first Saturday of January; and the per-centage of the several classes on the total Number of Inmates.

First Saturday of January.	Inmates not in Hospital.				Number in Hospital.	Total Number in Work-houses.	Per-centage on Total Number.				
	Able-bodied.		Children under 16 years of age.	Other classes.			Able-bodied.		Children under 16 years of age not in Hospital.	Other classes not in Hospital.	In Hospital.
	Males.	Females.					Males.	Females.			
4 Jan., 1851	22,178	45,758	91,289	14,057	38,922	226,394	107	241	444	68	160
3 " 1852	18,194	37,623	76,562	11,454	25,078	188,248	94	224	453	70	155
1 " 1853	13,281	26,658	62,644	10,875	21,566	138,754	95	220	447	78	154
7 " 1854	9,259	21,234	45,792	8,750	22,559	104,694	88	203	409	84	216
6 " 1855	6,197	16,307	34,394	8,393	26,196	83,296	73	191	402	98	226
3 " 1856	4,646	12,702	27,253	7,717	18,521	75,243	64	150	357	107	262
3 " 1857	3,522	9,585	19,477	6,541	16,571	55,143	64	166	348	220	220
2 " 1858	2,823	8,327	15,668	6,387	16,050	43,508	58	169	317	130	226
1 " 1859	2,247	6,920	12,722	6,447	13,553	43,598	51	152	232	148	230
7 " 1860	2,154	6,791	11,757	7,587	15,609	43,518	51	157	271	174	267
5 " 1861	2,628	7,739	12,755	8,478	15,250	47,360	59	165	258	175	229
4 " 1862	3,485	8,194	15,222	9,811	17,455	50,168	63	167	276	178	214
3 " 1863	4,030	8,644	16,759	11,192	18,421	60,038	67	161	279	186	207
2 " 1864	3,638	8,921	17,170	11,894	18,253	59,057	61	149	287	198	205
7 " 1865	2,863	8,694	16,051	12,104	19,346	59,498	61	146	289	203	205
6 " 1866	2,561	8,894	13,494	11,801	17,642	54,435	57	137	285	211	204
3 " 1867	2,915	7,288	13,791	11,691	17,505	54,503	58	125	287	213	213
4 " 1868	2,998	7,889	16,566	12,961	16,739	56,693	58	123	300	222	205
2 " 1869	2,332	7,052	16,944	12,126	16,479	56,914	51	124	298	231	216
1 " 1870	2,665	6,338	15,088	12,715	16,499	53,817	50	118	281	237	214
7 " 1871	2,508	6,670	13,594	12,396	15,852	50,813	49	110	266	243	222
6 " 1872	2,361	6,197	12,421	12,363	16,555	48,778	48	107	255	252	216
4 " 1873	2,331	6,447	12,860	12,625	17,022	48,896	47	103	248	255	212
3 " 1874	2,285	6,380	12,165	12,777	16,646	48,192	46	107	247	250	209
2 " 1875	2,233	6,190	12,187	12,683	17,212	49,393	47	104	245	252	205
1 " 1876	2,083	4,580	10,974	11,590	16,567	46,214	45	99	237	252	209
6 " 1877	2,197	4,839	10,528	11,247	16,784	45,762	45	96	230	251	207
5 " 1878	2,516	4,872	11,176	12,265	18,003	49,388	51	99	226	250	208
4 " 1879	2,513	5,118	11,260	12,505	19,083	51,764	50	98	229	252	208
3 " 1880	2,506	5,269	13,123	14,736	20,819	57,465	61	108	218	257	204
1 " 1881	2,308	6,818	12,252	14,426	19,853	55,204	60	109	220	261	202

18. We here subjoin a tabular statement showing, from month to month, the number of "night-lodgers," a term corresponding to "casuals" in England, for the past twelve months, in continuation of a similar table in last Report.

RETURN of NIGHT-LODGERS or CASUALS relieved.

Week ended	Number relieved during the week.				Number in Workhouse at close of the week.			
	Males.	Females.	Children under 15.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Children under 15.	Total.
6th March, 1880,	2,664	570	412	3,646	442	118	75	635
3rd April, "	2,821	605	470	3,896	496	146	102	744
1st May, "	3,156	764	590	4,510	437	169	112	688
5th June, "	2,372	659	573	3,603	363	141	122	616
3rd July, "	2,653	625	561	3,289	334	125	105	584
7th August, "	2,200	635	611	3,586	329	142	128	599
4th September, "	1,927	706	563	3,196	282	134	126	542
2nd October, "	2,044	637	648	3,319	257	125	130	512
6th November, "	2,448	632	584	3,664	360	153	136	638
4th December, "	2,111	510	449	3,070	329	124	111	564
1st January, 1881,	2,154	462	310	2,966	333	115	80	528
5th February, "	2,545	479	383	3,407	402	119	101	622
5th March, "	2,602	537	419	3,558	333	116	80	529

19. As part of the statistics, which are brought up very nearly to the date of this Report, the following table exhibits in the accustomed form:—

CLASSIFICATION of Causes of Death in Workhouses, from 24th January, 1880, to 22nd January, 1881.

Causes of Death.	In the four Workweeks													Previous Year.	
	24th Feb.	24th March.	17th April.	10th May.	10th June.	10th July.	7th Aug.	4th Sept.	2nd Oct.	20th Oct.	20th Nov.	14th Dec.	22nd Jan.		Total.
Aged,	238	273	306	280	188	191	165	168	141	155	200	185	215	2,294	2,946
Apoplexy,	4	5	9	4	5	10	7	4	4	7	7	5	11	82	109
Asphyxia,	14	8	7	9	5	3	5	4	9	3	11	3	10	94	166
Atrophy,	137	110	112	120	92	40	90	88	70	72	84	79	119	1,566	1,183
Brain Disease, . .	41	43	50	35	52	38	19	38	33	38	36	31	34	406	436
Cancer,	17	20	15	17	18	18	17	16	19	20	19	19	20	239	221
Childbirth,	3	5	5	4	—	1	3	—	1	2	1	2	1	28	23
Cholera,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	8	—
Consumption, . . .	97	103	124	86	95	95	72	60	44	65	59	63	60	962	877
Convulsions, . . .	25	28	27	53	24	18	20	26	16	19	23	13	26	250	226
Croup,	5	2	6	3	1	2	—	1	2	2	2	2	5	33	23
Dartrious,	37	28	31	38	34	26	93	40	62	38	29	17	29	487	413
Dropsy,	23	27	25	34	18	25	25	14	23	17	14	19	25	258	241
Dysentery,	2	4	2	2	6	5	4	10	4	0	1	1	8	63	44
Dyspepsia,	—	2	2	2	5	1	5	2	2	2	4	1	4	36	19
Epilepsy,	9	14	4	5	5	3	3	15	9	7	7	8	7	96	109
Fever,	46	60	77	70	74	95	53	47	44	48	48	50	45	755	705
Gangrene,	3	2	5	7	3	3	4	1	6	4	4	5	3	62	53
Heart Disease, . .	53	40	43	35	34	32	29	44	29	38	33	28	38	497	458
Hoping Cough, . .	37	9	13	7	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	4	63	66
Inflammation or other diseases of															
Bowel,	10	13	25	32	16	21	23	25	94	13	21	15	13	251	192
Kidney,	13	10	14	10	14	14	4	7	10	9	6	11	10	131	129
Liver,	6	13	14	14	8	8	8	16	15	6	4	5	—	123	141
Lungs,	284	246	231	180	197	114	131	93	91	130	172	187	238	2,323	2,742
Menstr.,	2	—	25	5	6	10	3	8	18	2	4	38	10	131	61
Pneum.,	26	34	29	27	29	18	20	22	23	38	28	43	37	379	411
Pleurisy,	—	1	2	1	3	—	3	—	1	2	1	—	—	14	27
Rheumatism, . .	6	7	8	8	9	3	3	9	6	10	9	4	11	93	104
Scalds,	8	11	9	7	10	7	1	15	11	20	14	9	6	155	103
Smallpox, . . .	10	12	9	12	16	10	3	7	8	7	8	13	15	139	136
Stomach,	6	7	10	12	16	24	16	3	1	3	—	—	—	97	112
Typh.,	6	12	3	6	7	11	9	5	4	7	11	6	6	90	136
Other Diseases, .	31	37	34	26	16	22	25	18	31	25	12	14	20	293	281
Total,	1,347	1,318	1,256	1,152	1,030	658	795	795	764	848	859	819	1,240	12,940	—
Previous year, . .	1,443	1,315	1,222	1,087	910	807	798	706	696	770	933	1,428	1,312	—	13,144

The total number of deaths in the workhouses in the fifty-two weeks comprised in the Table has been 12,940. In the corresponding Table in the last Annual Report the total number of deaths was 13,144; so that there has been a decrease of 204 deaths, as compared with the number last year.

Deaths by fever were 758, as against 705; by lung disease, 2,323, as against 2,742; and deaths by small-pox 97, as against 112 in last year.

The number of orphans and deserted children put out to nurse from the Workhouses in Ireland, under the provisions of the Act 39 and 40 Vic. c. 38, extending the legal age from 10 years to 13 years, on the 5th February last was 2,243, an increase of 166 over the number in the preceding year.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF YEAR ENDED 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1880.

20. We now proceed to the statistics arising out of the accounts of the Unions for the year ended 29th September, 1880.

We deal in the first place with Poor Relief Expenditure.

Year ended 29th September.	Net Annual Value.	Poor Rate Budget.	Poor Relief Expenditure during the Year.						Number relieved.			
			In-Maintenance and Clothing.	Out-door Relief.	Cost of Relief to Blind and Deaf and Dumb Asylums and Eastern Hospitals.	Salaries and Rations of Officers.	All other Expenses.	Total.	In Work-houses.	Out-door.	In Blind and Deaf and Dumb Asylums.	Total.
1880.	13,729,454	1,068,560	481,710	153,586	12,049	128,333	140,326	915,993	307,334	183,778	747	591,859
1879.	13,658,912	1,011,888	443,996	117,373	11,738	139,140	144,476	847,933	304,948	86,430	757	391,135
Increase.	70,542	56,672	37,714	36,213	311	8,933	6,363	68,060	2,386	97,348	—	158,724
Decrease.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—

From the above table it will be seen that there has been an increase of £37,714 in "in-maintenance and clothing;" an increase of £36,213 in "out-door relief;" an increase of £361 in cost of "deaf, dumb, and blind;" an increase of £1,203 in "salaries and rations of officers," and an increase of £6,363, in "all other expenses," making a total increase of £82,012. The increase in the total number relieved has been 158,622.

TREASURY SUBSIDIES.

21. The following is a statement of the Parliamentary Grant for Medical and Educational purposes, and for Salaries under the "Public Health (Ireland) Act," for the year ended 25th March 1880:—

	Amount allowed for the Year.		
	£	s.	d.
Medical purposes,	72,814	11	4
Educational purposes,	8,551	0	5
Total for Medical and Educational purposes,	81,365	11	9
For Salaries under Public Health Act,	13,848	14	2
Total,	95,214	5	11

The total amount allowed under the Parliamentary Grant for Medical and Educational purposes for the year ended 25th March, 1880, namely, £82,365 11s. 9d., is £1,846 6s. 6d. more than the amount for the previous year.

The amount for Salaries under Public Health (Ireland) Act, namely, £13,848 14s. 2d., is £141 4s. 7d. more than for the previous year.

EXPENDITURE FOR ALL PURPOSES FOR TWENTY-ONE YEARS PAST.

[STATEMENT.

Hence it will be seen that while the total expenditure of Poor Rates, for all purposes, viz. : relief, medical relief, burial-grounds, registration of births, deaths, and marriages, sanitary measures, expenses under Superannuation Acts, payments under Cattle Disease Acts, and under National School Teachers Act, was, in 1879, £1,119,755, making a poundage of 1s. 7½d. on the valuation. The expenditure in 1880 for those purposes was £1,187,248, thus showing an increase in the total expenditure of £67,493, and making a poundage of the expenditure on the valuation of 1s. 8½d.

The current Sanitary Expenditure for the year was £51,927, in comparison with £50,767 in the previous year.

MEDICAL CHARITIES ACT, AND VACCINATION ACTS.

23. We next submit to your Excellency the report of our proceedings under these Acts of Parliament for the year ended 30th September, 1880.

The annexed table exhibits, in the usual form, the progress and fluctuations of the medical relief afforded under the Medical Charities Act, for each year of the twelve years ended 30th September, 1880, in each province, and for the whole of Ireland.

The cases are distinguished, as usual, into those prescribed for at the Dispensaries, and those attended at the patients' houses, each class of cases occupying a separate column.

In Ulster there has been an increase of 9,627 cases prescribed for at the Dispensaries, and an increase of 1,813 of those attended at their own houses.

In Munster there has been an increase of 8,847 cases prescribed for at the Dispensaries, and of 5,736 of those attended at their own houses.

In Leinster there has been an increase of 2,241 cases prescribed for at the Dispensaries, but a decrease of 2,373 of those attended at their own houses.

In Connaught there has been an increase of 7,198 cases prescribed for at the Dispensaries, and an increase of 4,066 of those attended at their own houses.

The last three columns in the Table show a net increase of 37,155 cases for all Ireland, including both classes, as compared with previous year.

[TABLE.

SUMMARY OF THE NUMBER OF CASES OF MEDICAL RELIEF AFFORDED UNDER THE MEDICAL CHARITIES ACT.

Period.	Provinces of Ulster.			Provinces of Munster.			Provinces of Leinster.			Provinces of Connaught.			Total for Ireland.		
	Dispensary Tickets.	Visiting Tickets.	Total.	Dispensary Tickets.	Visiting Tickets.	Total.	Dispensary Tickets.	Visiting Tickets.	Total.	Dispensary Tickets.	Visiting Tickets.	Total.	Dispensary Tickets.	Visiting Tickets.	Total.
Year ended 30th Sept., 1869.	123,463	58,948	182,411	182,463	55,056	237,519	190,176	62,595	252,771	77,303	10,553	87,856	479,530	195,797	675,327
" 1870.	127,974	59,922	187,896	182,468	57,013	239,481	192,152	64,664	256,816	78,399	20,601	99,000	531,224	205,260	736,484
" 1871.	110,782	55,069	165,851	175,722	55,663	231,385	180,001	64,102	244,103	71,966	19,063	91,029	547,491	195,784	743,275
" 1872.	115,200	56,169	171,369	159,221	65,627	224,848	168,066	63,334	231,400	68,875	20,779	89,654	513,170	216,659	729,829
" 1873.	114,493	53,412	167,905	153,938	59,459	213,397	168,575	60,267	228,842	65,376	18,571	83,947	560,577	191,619	752,196
" 1874.	115,057	55,757	170,814	155,074	51,029	206,103	169,570	60,577	230,147	63,326	17,673	81,000	501,927	186,138	688,065
" 1875.	116,536	63,456	179,992	150,109	54,764	204,873	158,164	61,844	220,008	60,321	18,053	78,374	455,550	196,682	652,232
" 1876.	110,595	56,359	166,954	145,349	54,477	199,826	166,386	61,078	227,464	59,051	17,567	76,618	481,531	189,419	670,950
" 1877.	110,562	55,997	166,559	138,711	52,229	190,940	158,194	59,415	217,609	57,106	16,943	74,049	465,579	194,475	660,054
" 1878.	110,643	55,367	166,010	144,966	57,602	202,568	166,266	62,579	228,845	55,659	17,460	73,119	493,446	192,868	686,314
" 1879.	110,606	59,053	169,659	155,641	56,844	212,485	158,971	66,243	225,214	56,639	18,259	74,898	471,277	200,879	672,156
" 1880.	123,253	61,446	184,699	143,308	62,196	205,504	161,312	63,876	225,188	63,837	23,825	87,662	499,196	210,221	709,417

VACCINATION.

24. In the following table are shown the number of cases of vaccination in each year from 1855 to 1880; the compulsory Act having been passed in 1864:—

TABLE.

Year ended Sept. 30th, 1855,	Number of Cases of Vaccination.	Year ended Sept. 30th, 1868,	Number of Cases of Vaccination.
" " 1856,	46,711	" " 1869,	131,426
" " 1857,	84,131	" " 1870,	125,672
" " 1858,	47,855	" " 1871,	140,229
" " 1859,	54,984	" " 1872,	179,889
" " 1860,	140,411	" " 1873,	292,464
" " 1861,	107,305	" " 1874,	138,873
" " 1862,	90,256	" " 1875,	139,587
" " 1863,	89,803	" " 1876,	137,340
" " 1864,	106,510	" " 1877,	114,467
" " 1865,	121,810	" " 1878,	117,679
" " 1866,	169,142	" " 1879,	133,045
" " 1867,	137,124	" " 1880,	126,911
" " 1868,	125,741	" " 1881,	147,823

The next table presents the record of the vaccinations performed at the Dispensaries and Vaccination Stations since 1864, distinguishing the cases of children born since January, 1864, from those of persons born before that time, the former being liable to, the latter exempt from, compulsory vaccination.

TOTALS for Ireland of Number of Cases of Vaccination performed during the Years ended September 30th.

Years	Cases of Children born since January 1st, 1864.	Other Cases.	Totals.
1865,	97,160	71,962	169,142
1866,	104,730	32,394	137,124
1867,	107,473	18,268	125,741
1868,	116,613	12,813	131,426
1869,	117,912	7,760	125,672
1870,	135,057	5,163	140,229
1871,	139,053	40,836	179,889
1872,	142,662	139,822	292,464
1873,	119,319	19,554	138,873
1874,	118,357	20,230	139,587
1875,	118,675	17,665	137,340
1876,	112,469	1,998	114,467
1877,	115,190	2,489	117,679
1878,	122,149	10,896	133,045
1879,	118,427	8,484	126,911
1880,	138,413	9,410	147,823

The following table contains a summary of the total number of cases of vaccination during the year ending 30th September, 1880, the cases being classified under the headings, "under one

year old when vaccinated," "above one year old," and "other persons."

	Children Born since 1st January, 1864.		Other Persons.	Total.
	Under one year old when Vaccinated.	Above one year old when Vaccinated.		
Total of Ireland, . .	116,402	22,011	8,413	147,826

The following are the totals under each of the above headings for the previous year ended 30th September, 1879 :—

95,062	23,365	8,484	126,911
--------	--------	-------	---------

It will be observed that there is an increase in the total number of cases vaccinated and revaccinated in all Ireland of 20,835 cases.

There were 140,469 births registered in the year 1876, 139,639 in the year 1877, 134,370 in the year 1878, 135,408 in the year 1879, and 128,010 in the year 1880. The number of children vaccinated yearly in those years, and coming under the provisions of the Compulsory Vaccination Act, are returned as 112,489; 115,190; 122,149; 118,427, and 138,413, respectively, showing during the year, ended September 30th, 1880, a decrease in the number of births of 7,398, but an increase of 19,986 in the number of children vaccinated as compared with the previous year.

COW-POCK INSTITUTION.

25. During the year ended 31st of March, 1881, 3,255 applications have been received from Medical Officers of Workhouses and Dispensaries, and other public institutions; from Military Medical Officers stationed in Ireland, and from private practitioners, for lymph, and 17,139 points, and 3,773 tubes charged with lymph were distributed. During the same period 2,138 vaccinations have been performed at the Cow-pock Institution, Sackville-street, and the branch in York-street, Dublin.

A copy of a circular which we have issued, dated the 30th of August last, forwarding to the several Medical Officers an instructional memorandum containing our views as to the manner in which vaccination should be performed, will be found in the appendix.

SMALL-POX.

26. The number of deaths in Workhouses from small-pox, and the number of cases of the disease treated by Dispensary Medical Officers for each of the last seventeen years are given in the following table:—

DEATHS IN WORKHOUSES FROM SMALL-POX, AND NUMBER OF CASES OF SMALL-POX TREATED BY DISPENSARY MEDICAL OFFICERS.

Deaths in Workhouses from Small-pox.		Number of Cases of Small-pox treated by Medical Officers of Dispensary Districts.	
Pannon. 52 Weeks ended	Number of Deaths.	Pannon. 52 Weeks ended	Number of Cases.
11th February, 1863, . . .	145	30th September, 1864, . . .	1,965
10th February, 1866, . . .	59	30th September, 1865, . . .	2,000
9th February, 1867, . . .	9	30th September, 1866, . . .	573
8th February, 1868, . . .	5	30th September, 1867, . . .	105
6th February, 1869, . . .	3	30th September, 1868, . . .	155
5th February, 1870, . . .	1	30th September, 1869, . . .	27
4th February, 1871, . . .	13	30th September, 1870, . . .	51
3rd February, 1872, . . .	462	30th September, 1871, . . .	773
1st February, 1873, . . .	677	30th September, 1872, . . .	10,317
31st January, 1874, . . .	110	30th September, 1873, . . .	935
30th January, 1875, . . .	142	30th September, 1874, . . .	561
30th January, 1876, . . .	41	30th September, 1875, . . .	531
27th January, 1877, . . .	2	30th September, 1876, . . .	29
26th January, 1878, . . .	12	30th September, 1877, . . .	117
25th January, 1879, . . .	254	30th September, 1878, . . .	1,239
24th January, 1880, . . .	112	30th September, 1879, . . .	1,544
22nd January, 1881, . . .	57	30th September, 1880, . . .	662

The following table shows in each Province where the disease prevailed to the greatest extent, and the quarters of the year when it most prevailed:—

SUMMARY OF SMALL-POX cases attended by Dispensary Medical Officers during the year ended 30th September, 1880,—taken from their Quarterly Returns.

Provinces.	Quarter, 31st Dec., 1879.	Quarter, 31st Mar., 1880.	Quarter, 30th June, 1880.	Quarter, 30th Sept., 1880.	Total.
Ulster,	20	43	63	10	143
Munster,	1	1	9	4	15
Leinster,	140	112	336	93	701
Connanght,	—	3	1	—	4
Total Ireland, . . .	161	164	431	107	863

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S RETURNS.

Number of DEATHS from SMALL-POX during the year ended 31st December, 1880, abstracted from the Quarterly Returns of the Registrar-General.

PROVINCES.	1st Quarter, 31st Mar., 1880.	2nd Quarter, 30th June, 1880.	3rd Quarter, 30th Sept., 1880.	4th Quarter, 31st Dec., 1880.	Total.
Ulster, . . .	19	23	9	—	51
Munster, . . .	—	1	1	—	2
Leinster, . . .	74	155	66	17	315
Connacht, . . .	1	—	—	—	1
Total Ireland, . . .	94	187	76	17	369
Total Ireland, 1879, . . .	384	153	84	90	661

27. The returns of "cases" taken from the particulars supplied by Medical Officers of Dispensary Districts, represent the extent of the disease among patients attended under the Medical Charities Act, while the return of "deaths" has reference to the information supplied to the Registrar-General, which embraces also the cases treated in private practice.

The deaths in Workhouses in 1880, are less by fifteen than the number in 1879. The number of cases treated in Dispensary Districts under the Medical Charities Act being 481 less than in the previous year.

The total mortality in the whole is 369 in 1880, as compared with 661 in 1879.

The return above given of the cases in the several provinces shows that the disease was most prevalent, as in the previous two years, in the province of Leinster. It has continued during the years 1878-9 and 1880 as an epidemic in Dublin, though not to so great an extent as in the year 1879, and there has been latterly a marked diminution in the number of cases, only two remaining on the 31st March.

The following table shows the Unions where the disease principally appeared, so far as is shown by the Dispensary Returns for the year 1880:—

UNION.	Quarter ended 31st March.	Quarter ended 30th June.	Quarter ended 30th Sept.	Quarter ended 31st Dec.	Total.
Ballymena, . . .	30	34	4	—	68
Belfast, . . .	10	7	3	1	21
Dublin, North, . . .	36	148	39	6	229
Dublin, South, . . .	50	140	41	2	233
Enniskillen, . . .	1	21	—	—	22
Parsonstown, . . .	—	50	6	—	56

A report which we have received on the subject from Dr. MacCabe, the Inspector of the district in which the Dublin Unions are comprised, will be found in the appendix.

FEVER IN DISPENSARY DISTRICTS.

28. The following is a return of the number of cases of fever reported as attended by the Medical Officers of Dispensary Districts during each of the sixteen years ended 30th September, 1880, beginning with 26,566 cases of attack in 1865, and ending with 11,211 in 1880:—

Year ended	Number of Cases.	Deaths per Year.	Increase.
1865,	26,566	-	-
1866,	22,207	4,279	-
1867,	18,975	3,312	-
1868,	17,400	1,575	-
1869,	16,803	518	-
1870,	15,744	1,130	-
1871,	15,374	170	-
1872,	15,604	-	30
1873,	14,454	1,150	-
1874,	14,424	30	-
1875,	13,280	1,144	-
1876,	11,646	1,634	-
1877,	11,396	259	-
1878,	10,945	451	-
1879,	10,599	-	54
1880,	11,211	-	212

There were 2,986 deaths from the disease in the year, embracing patients treated in private practice as well as dispensary cases.

Scarlatina was much more prevalent than in 1879. There were 4,835 cases treated by Medical Officers of Dispensary Districts in 1880, against 3,008 in 1879, being an increase of 1,827. There were 663 cases of this disease in Ulster, 2,234 in Munster, 1,792 in Leinster, and 146 in Connaught.

A copy of a circular which we issued on the 24th June last, requesting special reports from Medical Officers in the event of disease threatening to become epidemic, will be found in the appendix.

MEDICAL CHARITIES EXPENDITURE.

29. The next table gives the expenditure under the Medical Charities and Vaccination Acts for the last twelve years, ended 29th September, 1880.

MEDICAL CHARITIES EXPENDITURE, Years ended 29th September.

Year.	Ulster.	Munster.	Leinster.	Connaught.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£
1869,	34,623	35,646	36,624	16,835	123,718
1870,	36,464	37,686	38,130	17,636	129,936
1871,	36,881	38,862	41,151	18,111	135,005
1872,	38,908	41,378	42,480	18,884	141,648
1873,	38,893	40,061	42,081	18,135	139,170
1874,	40,334	39,632	41,955	19,013	140,932
1875,	39,832	40,029	41,743	19,848	141,452
1876,	40,032	39,504	42,828	19,099	141,463
1877,	39,368	38,663	43,342	18,703	141,076
1878,	39,584	42,274	44,030	19,024	144,912
1879,	40,283	40,637	44,660	20,230	145,810
1880,	43,288	43,168	45,605	21,114	153,175

And the following shows in more detail, and under the usual heads a comparative statement of the expenditure for the two years ended September 29th, 1879 and 1880, respectively:—

MEDICAL CHARITIES EXPENDITURE.

	1879.	1880.
	£	£
1. Medicines and medical appliances,	25,901	27,003
2. Rent of Dispensary buildings,	8,213	8,189
3. Books, forms, stationery, printing, and advertising,	1,211	1,101
4. Salaries of { Medical Officers,	88,640	88,922
{ Apothecaries,	2,754	2,700
5. Fuel, porters, and incidental expenses,	11,547	11,253

EXPENSES UNDER VACCINATION ACTS:

6. Vaccination fees and other expenses:—		
Fees to Medical Officers,	6,639	13,140
Other expenses,	1,125	1,067
Total,	£146,030	£153,375

PROVIDING DISPENSARY-HOUSES AND DWELLING-HOUSES.

30. In connexion with the administration of the Medical Charities Act we refer here, in continuation of our previous report, to the "Act to give facilities for providing Dispensary-houses and Dwelling-houses for Medical Officers of Dispensary Districts in certain parts of Ireland," which received the Royal Assent on the 21st of July, 1879.

A general disposition continues to be shown to take advantage of the provisions of the Act and proceedings under it are still pending in several cases.

Since our last Annual Report certificates have been issued under the Act in the following Unions:—

Abbeyfeix	Unions,	Ballinakill Dispensary District.
Ballina	"	Creesmolina " "
Ballyshannon	"	Bellinck " "
Celbridge	"	Lucan " "
Dunmanway	"	Coolmountain " "
Edenderry	"	Rhode " "
Irvinestown	"	Ederney " "
Listowel	"	Ballyduff " "
Lurgan	"	Waringstown " "
Midleton	"	Midleton (I) " "
Rathkeale	"	Pollaskerry " "
Trillick	"	Arifert " "

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTS.

Provisional Orders, &c.

31. Since the date of our last Report we have issued the following provisional Orders :—

A provisional Order, dated 29th April, 1880, to transfer the powers of the Grand Jury of the county of Kerry, with respect to roads, bridges, footpaths, and public works within the urban sanitary district of the town of Tralee, to the Urban Sanitary Authority of Tralee.

A provisional Order, dated 5th May, 1880, allowing the Guardians of the Poor of Killeel union, as the Rural Sanitary Authority, to put in force the powers of the Lands Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands, otherwise than by agreement, with respect to certain lands required for an improved supply of water for the town and village of Ros-trevor.

A provisional Order, dated 7th May, 1880, enabling the Guardians of the Poor of Longford union, acting as the Burial Board of Longford union, to put in force the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands, otherwise than by agreement, with respect to certain lands required for the enlargement of the burial ground of Ballymacormick in Longford union.

A provisional Order, dated 10th May, 1880, empowering the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Clonmel, being the Urban Sanitary Authority, to put in force the powers of the Lands Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands, otherwise than by agreement, with respect to certain lands required for a quarry to obtain materials for repairing and maintaining the streets of the borough.

A provisional Order, dated 10th May, 1880, empowering the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Clonmel, being the Urban Sanitary Authority, to put in force the powers of the Lands Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands, otherwise than by agreement, with reference to certain lands required for a place for depositing temporarily street scrapings and other matters collected in cleaning the streets.

A provisional Order, dated 19th May, 1880, authorising the Town Commissioners of Wicklow, being the Urban Sanitary Authority, to put in force the powers of the Lands Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands, otherwise than by agreement, in reference to certain lands and premises required for water works for the purpose of supplying the urban sanitary district with water.

A provisional Order, dated 27th May, 1880, empowering the Town Commissioners of Fermoy, being the Urban Sanitary Authority, to put in force the powers of the Lands Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands, otherwise than by agreement, with reference to certain lands required for the purpose of works for supplying the Fermoy sanitary district with water for drinking and domestic purposes.

A provisional Order, dated the 5th June, 1880, empowering the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the city of Dublin, acting by the Town Council, being the Urban Sanitary Authority, to put in force the powers of the Lands Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands, otherwise than by agreement, with respect to certain lands and premises required for the purpose of making a new street from Great Brunswick-street to Townsend-street, and to widen, open, enlarge, and improve Shoe-lane and George's-street in the said city.

A provisional Order, dated the 19th June, 1880, confirming a scheme made, in pursuance of the Artisans and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Dublin, acting by the Town Council, being the Local Authority for the urban sanitary district of Dublin, for the improvement of an unhealthy area called "The Plunkett-street Area," within the said city.

A provisional Order, dated the 29th June, 1880, empowering the Town Commissioners of Armagh, being the Urban Sanitary Authority of the urban sanitary district, consisting of the town of Armagh, to put in force the powers of the Lands Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of Lands, otherwise than by agreement, with reference to certain lands, lands covered with water, and right to take and convey water required for the purpose of constructing works for the purpose of supplying the district with water for drinking and domestic purposes.

A provisional Order, dated 11th November, 1880, separating the town of Navan from the rural sanitary district, consisting of the Navan poor law union, and constituting it an urban sanitary district.

A provisional Order, dated 8th December, 1880, separating the Town of Clonakilty from the rural sanitary district, consisting of the Clonakilty poor law union, and constituting it an urban sanitary district.

A provisional Order dated 16th December, 1880, separating the Town of Dromore from the rural sanitary district of Banbridge poor law union, and constituting it an urban sanitary district.

In the following cases we have received petitions for provisional Orders, but the proceedings preparatory to the issue of the Orders have not yet terminated.

Bandon Union.—To put in force the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement, in regard to lands required for works for an improved supply of water for the town of Bandon.

Town of Cavan.—To separate the town of Cavan from the rural sanitary district of Cavan Union, and constitute it an urban sanitary authority.

Town of Ballymena.—To put in force the powers of the Lands Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement, with regard to lands and hereditaments required, with a view to providing the Town and District

of Ballymena, with a supply of water for public and private purposes.

Cork Union.—To put in force the powers of the Land Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement, with respect to certain lands required for works for providing the District of Little Island with water.

Town of Dundalk.—To put in force the powers of the Land Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement, with respect to certain lands required with a view to providing the Town of Dundalk with an improved supply of water.

Town of Letterkenny.—To separate the town of Letterkenny from the rural sanitary district of Letterkenny Union, and to constitute it an urban sanitary district.

Mullingar Union.—To put in force the powers of the Land Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands, otherwise than by agreement, with reference to certain lands required for works for providing the town and manor district of Mullingar with water, for public and private purposes, and for improved drainage and sewerage of the said town, manor, and district of Mullingar.

Bathdown Union.—To put in force the powers of the Land Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement, with reference to certain lands required for works for providing the village and district of Baniskerry with water.

Roscommon Union.—To put in force the powers of the Land Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement, with respect to certain lands required for works for the sewerage of the village of Athleague.

Town of Youghal.—To transfer the powers of the Grand Jury of the county of Cork with respect to roads, bridges, footpaths and public works, within the urban sanitary district of the town of Youghal to the urban sanitary authority of Youghal.

Town of Clonmel.—To adjust certain matters of charge and account between the urban sanitary authority of Clonmel and the Grand Jury of the South Riding of Tipperary arising out of the transfer of the powers of the Grand Jury in relation to roads, bridges, footpaths and public works within the Borough of Clonmel from the Grand Jury to the urban sanitary authority of Clonmel.

Belmullet Union.—To put in force the powers of the Land Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement, with respect to certain lands required with a view to works for providing a supply of water for Belmullet.

Ballina Union.—To put in force the powers of the Land Clauses Acts, with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement, with respect to certain lands required with a view to works for providing a supply of water for the town of Ballina.

BYE-LAWS.

Bye-laws have been submitted to and confirmed by us as follows, in pursuance of the provisions contained in section 221 of the Public Health Act, 1878 :—

Relating to waterworks in the town of Dungannon.

Amended regulation in relation to water-supply in the town of Coleraine.

Holywood Town :—

- Relating to I. Streets and buildings.
- " II. Slaughter-houses ; and
- " III. Common lodging-houses.

City of Dublin :—

- I. With respect to the cleansing of footways and pavements, earth closets, privies, ashpits, cesspools, and the removal of house refuse.
- II. With respect to nuisances arising from snow, filth, dust, ashes, and rubbish ; and for the preventing the keeping of animals.
- III. Regulations relative to common lodging-houses.
- IV. " " new streets and buildings.
- V. " " houses and parts of houses (other than common lodging-houses) let in lodgings.
- VI. " " the keeping of animals.

Rathmines and Rathgar Township.—With respect to the cleansing of footways and pavements, the prevention of nuisances ; new buildings ; drainage of buildings, water closets, privies, ashpits, and cesspools ; level of new streets ; and slaughter-houses.

Drogheda Town.—Regulating fairs.

Dungannon Union.—Common lodging-houses.

BURIAL GROUNDS.

Orders have been made and gazetted prohibiting further interments in the burial grounds named hereunder :—

1. St. Paul's, city of Dublin.
2. Old Church, Queenstown, Cork Union.
3. Dunlavin, Baltinglass Union.

These Orders were made subject to certain exceptions mentioned therein, and we retain power to grant licences for burial in certain cases, from time to time, if it should appear to us expedient to do so.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

32. Our Report upon Public Health is continued from 30th and subsequent paragraphs of the last annual Report, in which details were given of the operations in regard to sewerage and water-supply, under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1878, in continuation of the detail of proceedings under the Act of 1874.

The extent of the operations relating to sewerage and water-supply is still in some degree measured in Rural Districts by the number of the Orders under seal, fixing the area of charge for each such operation, together with the loans borrowed for these purposes through the Public Works Commissioners.

In the year 1875-76 the number of such Orders was 79; in 1876-77 it was 89; in 1877-78 it was 122; in 1878-79 it was 117; and in 1879-80 it was 126. From 25th March, 1880, to the 25th March, 1881, the number of additional Orders of Charge has been 103, issued to 68 different Unions.

On the whole, therefore, 636 Orders, fixing areas of charge for sewerage or water-supply, or both, have been issued during the last six years.

These Orders have been applied for by 155 different Boards of Guardians out of 163 acting for Rural Sanitary Districts.

The number of Rural Sanitary Districts in which no such Orders have been issued is now reduced from 9 to 8, viz., the Unions of Ballymena, Castleblayney, Dundalk, Dunfanaghy, Ennis, Galway, Londonderry, and Oughterard.

The preceding statements relate to Rural Sanitary Districts only, Orders fixing areas of charge not being applicable to Urban Sanitary Districts, inasmuch as in such districts all sanitary expenses are chargeable upon funds levied from the whole district.

33. In both Urban and Rural Sanitary Districts a considerable part of the expenditure on sewerage and water-supply is carried out by means of loans which, on recommendation from the Local Government Board, are issued to the Sanitary Authority in each case by the Public Works Commissioners for Ireland.

In the year ended 31st March, 1876, loans were so recommended to the extent of £37,584; in the following year to the further amount of £41,085; in the year ended 31st March, 1878, to the amount of £62,056; in the year ended 31st March, 1879, to the amount of £124,454; and in the year ended 31st March, 1880, to £202,824, making a total of £538,003, in the course of the five years.

The following is a List of Loans sanctioned by the Local Government Board, Ireland, from the 31st March, 1880, to the 31st March, 1881.

[LIST OF LOANS.

LIST of LOANS sanctioned by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, IRELAND, from the 31st March, 1880, to the 31st March, 1881.

Name of Sanitary District		Amount.			Purpose.	Date of Sanction.
		£	s.	d.		
Armagh,	Urban,	8,000	0	0	Water Works.	15th Sept., 1880.
Athlone,	Rural,	100	0	0	Completing Sewerage of Moate.	27th May, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	175	0	0	Water Supply of Turreck.	19th August, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	125	0	0	Do., do.	16th October, 1880.
Ballymena,	Urban,	9,600	0	0	Sewerage Works.	6th November, 1880.
Ballyragham,	Rural,	330	0	0	Extension of Lisdoonvanna Water Works.	20th May, 1880.
Bantry,	do.,	200	0	0	Water Supply of Bantry.	14th June, 1880.
Belfast,	Urban,	2,750	0	0	Swimming Baths.	31st July, 1880.
Belmullet,	Rural,	250	0	0	Sewerage.	22nd Nov., 1880.
Caherdreen,	do.,	689	0	0	Water Supply of Caherdreen.	21st May, 1880.
Carlew,	Urban,	1,500	0	0	Town Hall.	13th January, 1881.
Do.,	do.,	500	0	0	Market Place.	12th January, 1881.
Carrick-on-Shan.	Rural,	700	0	0	Sewerage of Carrick-on-Shannon.	24th January, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	60	0	0	Sewerage of Drumshanbo.	3rd Sept., 1880.
Clifden,	do.,	1,500	0	0	Water Supply of Clifden.	25th Feb., 1881.
Coleraine,	do.,	600	0	0	Water Supply of Bushmilla.	16th April, 1880.
Do.,	Urban,	1,800	0	0	Completing Water Works.	29th July, 1880.
Do.,	Rural,	2,500	0	0	Water Supply of Portrush.	6th October, 1880.
Cork,	do.,	2,000	0	0	Fencing, &c., of Burial Grounds.	25th August, 1880.
Do.,	Urban,	2,000	0	0	Intercepting Hospital Sewer.	20th August, 1880.
Dalkey,	do.,	300	0	0	Sewerage work.	31st August, 1881.
Downpatrick,	Rural,	450	0	0	Sewerage of Portaferry.	6th August, 1880.
Drumcondra, Clonsilla, and Glasnevin,	Urban,	1,000	0	0	Water Works.	31st May, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	6,312	16	10	Sewerage Works.	31st July, 1880.
Dublin, North,	Rural,	150	0	0	Sewerage of Yellow-lane.	7th April, 1880.
Dublin,	Urban,	20,000	0	0	New Street to Swivel Bridge.	22nd January, 1881.
Do.,	do.,	15,000	0	0	Improvement Scheme, Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Act, 1875, Plunkett-street area.	22nd January, 1881.
Do.,	do.,	1,000	0	0	Urinals, &c.	22nd January, 1881.
Do.,	do.,	2,000	0	0	Sewer Ventilators.	22nd January, 1881.
Do.,	do.,	2,500	0	0	Paving three Streets.	22nd January, 1881.
Do.,	do.,	3,000	0	0	Works for City Markets.	22nd January, 1881.
Do.,	do.,	10,000	0	0	Pumping Station.	22nd January, 1881.
Do.,	do.,	7,500	0	0	Private Improvement.	25th March, 1881.
Dungarvan,	Urban,	750	0	0	Flagging, &c.	24th July, 1880.
Dunmanway,	Rural,	200	0	0	Sewerage of Dunmanway.	20th May, 1880.
Ennis,	Urban,	120	0	0	Sewerage Works.	20th July, 1880.
Enniskillen,	Rural,	2,600	0	0	New Cemetery for Enniskillen.	20th Sept., 1880.
Ennistymon,	do.,	1,266	7	0	Water Supply of Kilsnora.	10th April, 1880.
Fermoy,	do.,	300	0	0	Water Supply of Castle-townroche.	13th April, 1880.
Glanmaddy,	do.,	40	10	0	Sewerage of Kilkerrin.	18th March, 1881.
Gort,	do.,	90	0	0	Sewerage of Kilmorra.	2nd April, 1880.
Kenmare,	do.,	70	0	0	Water Supply of Kenmare.	15th June, 1880.
Kilkeel,	do.,	3,000	0	0	Water Supply of Rostrevor.	30th Dec., 1880.
Kilmallock,	do.,	592	0	0	Sewerage of Kilmallock.	10th Nov., 1880.
Do.,	do.,	800	0	0	Water Supply of Kilmallock.	22nd Dec., 1880.

LIST of LOANS sanctioned by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, IRELAND,
from the 31st March, 1880, to the 31st March, 1881—continued.

Name of Sanitary District.		Amount.		Purpose.	Date of Sanction.
		£	s. d.		
Kilrush,	Rural,	517	0 0	Sewerage of Carrigaholt.	5th April, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	184	0 0	Sewerage of Kilrush.	20th May, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	111	0 0	Sewerage of Kilrush (additional loan).	15th October, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	92	0 0	Do., do.	3rd Dec., 1880.
Do.,	do.,	1,600	0 0	Sewerage of Kilkee.	3rd Dec., 1880.
Do.,	do.,	249	0 0	Sewerage of Kilrush.	5th March, 1881.
Do.,	do.,	131	3 0	Sewerage of Mullagh.	25th March, 1881.
Kingstown,	Urban,	2,600	0 0	To complete Townhall and Courthouse.	24th August, 1880.
Limerick,	Rural,	415	0 0	Sewerage of Caheroonlah.	6th August, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	265	0 0	Sewerage of Cappamore.	6th August, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	360	0 0	Castleconnell Cemetery.	16th Nov., 1880.
Do.,	do.,	151	0 0	Sewerage of Sixmile- bridge.	28th January, 1881.
Do.,	do.,	9	0 0	Do. (additional loan).	22nd Feb., 1881.
Lisburn,	Urban,	1,200	0 0	Sewerage Works.	11th August, 1880.
Listowel,	Rural,	418	0 0	Sewerage Works and erecting a Pump at Dungh.	30th October, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	75	0 0		
Do.,	do.,	94	0 0	Sanitary Works at Bally- longford.	12th Nov., 1880.
Do.,	do.,	351	0 0	Sewerage of Ballyban- non.	31st Dec., 1880.
Londonderry,	Urban,	1,820	0 0	Waterside Water Works.	6th October, 1880.
Longford,	Rural,	102	0 0	Repairs of Major's Well.	9th Dec., 1880.
Do.,	do.,	250	0 0	Enlarging Ballynacormick Burial Ground.	3rd Dec., 1880.
Loughrea,	do.,	400	0 0	Sewerage of Woodford.	23rd April, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	150	0 0	Water Supply of Great- hill.	1st October, 1880.
Mallow,	do.,	90	0 0	Sewerage of Buttavert.	13th Sept., 1880.
Middleton,	do.,	150	13 6	Water Supply of Clayne.	20th May, 1880.
Millford,	do.,	100	0 0	Water Supply of Rath- mullen.	9th June, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	2,700	0 0	Water Supply of Rath- mellon.	6th July, 1880.
Newcastle,	do.,	100	0 0	Water Supply of Knocka- derry.	20th October, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	545	0 0	Abbeyfeale Water Works.	8th Dec., 1880.
New Ross,	Urban,	2,260	0 0	Labourers' Dwellings.	8th June, 1880.
Omagh,	Rural,	2,500	0 0	Storm Water Channel, &c.	10th October, 1880.
Parsonstown,	do.,	400	0 0	Sewerage of Frankford.	8th April, 1880.
Pembroke,	Urban,	130	0 0	Pipe Sewer.	16th October, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	14,000	0 0	Sewerage of Merion-road and Waterloo-road.	7th January, 1881.
Portadown,	do.,	800	0 0	New Markets.	16th October, 1880.
Queenstown,	do.,	550	0 0	Approach to Boat Har- bour.	10th August, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	150	0 0	Disinfecting Chamber.	10th August, 1880.
Rathkeale,	do.,	220	0 0	Pallaskerry Water Works (additional loan).	2nd Sept., 1880.
Do.,	do.,	600	0 0	Sewerage of Rathkeale (additional loan).	23rd Dec., 1880.
Salthereen,	do.,	60	0 0	Water Supply of Castle- townsend.	21st March, 1881.
Skule Bog, united dis- trict,		500	0 0	Sewerage and Drainage of the United District.	26th July, 1880.
Sligo,	Urban,	206	15 0	Sewerage Works.	4th May, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	1,573	8 11	Do.	24th June, 1880.
Do.,	do.,	28,000	0 0	Water Works.	22nd January, 1881.
Strabane,	Rural,	2,400	0 0	Water Supply of Strabane.	11th June, 1880.

LIST of LOANS sanctioned by the LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, IRELAND, from the 31st March, 1880, to the 31st March, 1881—continued.

Name of Sanitary District.		Amount.		Purpose.	Date of Sanction.
		£	s. d.		
Strabane,	Rural, .	1,050	0 0	Sewerage of Strabane.	11th June, 1880.
Strokestown,	do., .	600	0 0	Additional Water Works.	4th January, 1881.
Thurles,	do., .	150	0 0	Water Supply of Borrisoleigh.	17th July, 1880.
Do.,	do., .	25	0 0	Do., do.	3rd January, 1881.
Tobacco, .	do., .	125	0 0	To complete Tobacco Sewerage Works.	13th Sept., 1880.
Trillick,	do., .	140	0 0	Sewerage of Castlemaine.	3rd June, 1880.
Wexford,	Urban, .	5,000	0 0	To complete Water Works.	24th June, 1880.
Youghal,	do., .	595	9 2	Sewerage Works.	17th July, 1880.
Do.,	do., .	566	13 4	Do.	9th February, 1881.
Do.,	Rural, .	200	0 0	Water Supply of KB-leagh.	13th January, 1881.

The total amount of the loans included in the above list is £199,252, which, added to the previous sums, constitutes a total of £757,255, for the six years in question.

This expenditure, which is independent of disbursements from the current rates for the same purposes, relates mainly to the cost of structural works for water-supply and sewerage.

The amount of sanitary expenditure in Rural Sanitary Districts amounted in the year ended 29th September, 1880, to £51,927, in comparison with £50,767 in the preceding year.

ARTISANS AND LABOURERS' DWELLINGS IMPROVEMENT ACT, 1875.

34. In paragraphs 35-6 and -7 of the Annual Report for 1877, in paragraph 31 of the Report for 1879, and in paragraph 33 of the Report for 1880, an account is given of the steps which had been taken in Belfast, Dublin, and Cork, under the Artisans' Dwellings Act up to that time.

The Act is legally applicable to only five places in Ireland, namely, Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Limerick, and Londonderry.

We have obtained the following information respecting these projects from the officers of the Local Authorities concerned:—

BELFAST.

The Improvement scheme having been carried out the street authorised thereby has been opened up for public traffic, and the ground adjoining the street has been disposed of for building purposes.

DUBLIN.

With respect to the three unhealthy areas with which the Corporation are dealing—

COOMBE AREA.

The Committee have acquired possession of the several interests in this area and all claims have been satisfied. The cost of the area up to the present has been largely in excess of that estimated, arising mainly from the expensive nature of the proceedings indicated by the Act of 1875, and from the enormous sum involved, not merely in the purchase of the property, but also in the law costs connected with it. The result has been that while the roads and sewers are as yet untouched a considerable sum has been expended in levelling the ground. Nearly £20,000, the total amount of the loan granted for the clearing of this area and the Boyne street area, has been expended on the former, and a further sum of £4,000, for the loan of which application has been made, will be required for the construction of roads and sewers, and for completing the levelling of the site. The Committee have concluded an agreement with the Artisans Dwellings Company for a lease in perpetuity at an annual rent of £200, the Company undertaking to erect on it within two years 199 dwellings which will accommodate about 1,100 persons, affording therefore accommodation for a larger population than that which was disturbed, which at the period of the projection of the scheme amounted to 984 souls. The possession of the site has been given to the Company pending the execution of the lease.

BOYNE-STREET AREA.

Through their decayed condition, all the dwellings in this area, with six exceptions, have become unsuitable for human habitation, and they have therefore been necessarily depopulated through the action of the sanitary authority. The population which at the time of the scheme amounted to ninety-five, now consists of about thirty-seven souls. The objects of the Act have therefore been thereby accomplished, and at present the Committee do no purpose taking any further action in regard to it.

PLUNKETT-STREET AREA.

An Act confirming the Provisional Order having been obtained during the last session of Parliament, a loan of £15,000 for the purpose of clearing the area has been sanctioned by the Treasury. Pending the receipt of this sanction the Committee adopted every necessary preliminary measure towards commencing its clearing. A valuation has been made of the premises and negotiations for the purchase have been commenced. In view of the excessive costs to which the Committee were subject in carrying out the provisions of the Act in the Coombe Area, they have

availed themselves of the Artizans Dwellings Amendment Act, 1879, being desirous of testing the efficacy of this Act, and diminishing the expenses connected with the acquisition of the properties.

CORK.

There were seven areas with respect to which representations were made. The Sanitary Authority first proceeded with the first of the seven areas with respect to which representations were made, as stated in our last report. The arbitrator having made his final award in August last, possession of this area was obtained, nearly all the buildings have been since taken down and the site cleared. The Borough Surveyor has laid down a portion of the new streets and passages thereon, and also proper sewers, and it is stated that in a few months time the ground will be available for building purposes.

With reference to No. 2 area, the valuator is now engaged in making a valuation of the premises, and one of the owners has been amicably settled with and possession of his houses obtained.

LONDONDERRY.

No application has been made as yet by the Corporation of Londonderry to make use of the powers given by the Act.

LIMERICK.

The Corporation have taken no action as yet under the provisions of the Act; but the question has been under their consideration.

DEPARTMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The Right Hon. William E. Forster having succeeded the Right Hon. James Lowther in the office of Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, has thereby become President of the Local Government Board.

Having received authority to employ an additional Auditor, Mr. William Gibson was appointed to the office.

We have no other changes in the department to report to your Excellency.

We have the honour to be

Your Excellency's obedient faithful servants,

W. E. FORSTER.

HENRY ROBINSON.

T. H. BURKE.

CHARLES CROKER-KING.

GEORGE MORRIS.

N.B.—The Appendix is in course of preparation.

DUBLIN: Printed by ALEX. TROTT & Co., 87, 88, & 89, Abbey-street,
The Queen's Printing Office.
For Her Majesty's Stationery Office.